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SUBJECT: NASA PORTABLE LANDSAT RECEIVER

REF: (A) TEHRAN 7038, (B) STATE 086559 (NOTAL)

--- (C) STATE 147567, (D) ISLAMABAD 7006

1. NASA APPRECIATES RECEIPT GOI AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE
(REF A) BUT TROUBLED BY STATEMENTS REGARDING DRAWING UP
OF AN AGREEMENT. WOULD APPRECIATE TEXT OF NOTE VERBAL.
ALTHOUGH FORWARDED AS DRAFT FOR DISCUSSION PURPOSES,
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TEXT OF LETTER EXCHANGE SUPPLIED REF B WAS MEANT TO SERVE

AS BASIS FOR AGREEMENT. (FYI: SAME TEXT SUPPLIED TO PAKISTAN FOR CONSIDERATION. END FYI).

2. UNDERSTANDING IS THAT SECTION REGARDING DATA AVAILABILITY TO IRAN HAS BEEN QUESTIONED. NEED INFO RE GOI PROPOSALS IN THIS AREA. WOULD EXPECT WORDING TO BE CONSISTENT WITH PROVISIONS OF LANDSAT GROUND STATION AGREEMENT ALREADY SIGNED WITH IRAN OCT. 1974.

3. WOULD APPRECIATE SPECIFIC INDICATION IF OTHER PARTS OF DRAFT LETTER AGREEMENT CAUSE CONCERN OR PROBLEMS AND ANY TEXTUAL CHANGES RECOMMENDED BY GOI.

4. WHAT IS STATUS OF CUSTOMS CLEARANCE? CAN NASA BE ASSURED OF EXPEDITIOUS HANDLING OF EQUIPMENT AND DAILY CLEARANCE OF TAPES?

5. COMPOSITION OF ANY TEAM DEPENDENT UPON RESPONSE PARAS 2-4 ABOVE AND OUTCOME OF DISCUSSIONS WITH GOP (SEE PARA 6).

6. FYI: AS POST AWARE, NASA HAS ALSO RECEIVED APPROVAL FROM GOP (REF D). THIS APPROVAL APPEARS TO BE WITHOUT CONDITION OR QUESTION. SINCE EARLIEST OPERATIONAL DATE IMPORTANT NASA IS PROCEEDING WITH TENTATIVE SELECTION OF PAKISTAN AT THIS TIME PENDING CONFIRMATION OF APPROVAL OF DRAFT AGREEMENT. POST SHOULD EXPRESS THANKS TO ALL IN IRAN AND ATTEMPT TO SOLICIT ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS PARA 2-4 ABOVE WITHOUT CLOSING DOOR TOTALLY AT THIS POINT. WE WOULD NOT PLAN TO ELIMINATE IRAN FROM CONSIDERATION UNTIL SIGNED AGREEMENT OBTAINED WITH GOP. WILL ADVISE. END FYI

7. NASA HOPES THAT IN DISCUSSING SUBSTANCE PARAS 1-4 ABOVE, EMBASSY WILL BE ABLE TO AVOID CREATING EXPECTATION ON BEHALF OF GOI WHICH COULD LEAD TO DISAPPOINTMENT AFFECTING USG/GOI RELATIONS. KISSINGER

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